GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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IRREGULARITIES IN DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICINES
Patle Shri Shishupal Natthu;Shiwankar Shri Maha Deo Rao

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of irregularities in distribution of medicines in the Government hospitals have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount spent for purchasing medicines by these hospitals during the last year;

(d) the total amount of medicines which have been sold in the market by forging prescription slips in the name of the poor;

(e) the number of hospitals where such cases have been detected and the number of hospitals staff found to involved; and

(f) the action taken by the Government against them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (f) No cases of irregularities in distribution of medicines in the Central Government Hospitals in Delhi have come to notice. However, in Dr. RML Hospital one case has been detected where one of the employees of the hospital was making bogus/fake prescription and getting medicines issued. That person has been placed under suspension and Delhi Police have registered a case against him under FIR no. 340/07 under IPC Section 409/411/120-B dated 17.08.2007.

No separate funds are provided for purchasing medicines. The Central Government Hospitals are procuring medicines from funds allocated for supplies and materials.